Chestnut Grove news

The James River Baptist Association met last Thursday, Oct. 18 at Spears Mountain Baptist Church for the Semi-Annual Meeting, the Rev. John Edward Mann Sr., Mrs. Rita Harris and Mrs. Nancy Morris were representatives from Chestnut Grove Baptist Church.

Friday overnight guests of Mrs. Ellen Beasley were Mrs. Frances Dill of Fredericksburg and Mrs. Stella Brown of Port Charlotte, Florida.

Saturday night visitors of Mrs. Ruby Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Rick Harper, Stacey and Becky and Mrs. Kermit Cook, all of Chesterfield.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Alice Senger were Mrs. Alice L. Senger of Curdsville and Mrs. Frances Southall and Adam of Tuggle.

Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cook of Richmond and Edward T. Cook of Prospect.

Joan Price was among a group from Leggets Store who went to the Pottery shop in Williamsburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Faron Holland of Newport News were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Carter of Burkeville in honor of her father's birthday.

Most of the people of the community attended the barbecue at the Toga Fire House Sunday.

The Rev. Glynn Coleman, Ronnie Smith, Mrs. Earl Morris, Mrs. Ellen Beasley and Mrs. V. C. Proffitt attended the James River Baptist Association meeting from Concord Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass visited Mrs. Janie Repass at Heritage Hall Nursing Home at Blackstone Sunday.

Beth Marston of Appomattox spent Friday night with Kathy Beasley.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris and Jennifer and Mrs. Louie Foster, all of Farmville.

Mrs. A. N. Morris was a Saturday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coleman of Gladstone.

Mrs. Susan Matthews and daughter, Heather and Mrs. Mary Saul, all of Arlington spent a part of last week with Mrs. T. N. Saul.

H. Flood Harris of Green Bay had Monday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny M. Harris and spent the night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris.

For the November meeting of the Chestnut Grove Homemakers Club we plan to attend a class on computers Nov. 1, at 2 p.m. at the Agriculture Building in Buckingham Court House.

Prices Good Through November 3, 1984 In Appomattox Food World Stores Only. None Sold To Dealers. We Reserve The Right To Limit Quantities.

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To Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Thomasville donates $10,000

Thomasville Industries, a subsidiary of Armstrong World Industries, has made a $10,000 contribution to Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center to assist in the development and renovation of this facility. Armstrong is represented in this area with plants at Appomattox and Brookneal.

Thomasville joins a growing list of industries, businesses and individuals who have provided funds.

Dr. Ken Powell, Chairman, Appomattox County Holiday Lake 4-H Center Fund Raising Committee, said, "I would like to commend Armstrong for again showing their commitment to the Appomattox community. This is just the latest demonstration of their support for the many programs important to Appomattox. I also think Appomattox County should be proud as with this most generous contribution from Armstrong, we are within $6,000 of our original goal of $57,000 to the Holiday Lake 4-H Center. This has been a combined effort of individuals, civic groups, churches and businsses that have allowed us to come so close to our goal. The present campaign extends through 1985 and I am confident that we will reach this goal."

Dr. Powell invites others interested in the growth and development of young people to help conclude this important effort.

Since 1979, the following construction or improvements have been made:

Improvements to dining hall, bath houses and manager's office, $55,000; new pave road, $196,000; new maintenance and storage building, $22,000; swimming pool and bath house, $120,000; horse barn and ring, $6,000; renovation and winterization of large bunkhouse, $44,000; new lodge and two hogans, $36,000.

Funds that are needed to complete Phase I are:

Horse faiclities (parking, secretary's booth, bleachers, gates), $8,000; renovation and winterization - small bunkhouse, $25,000; winterize bath houses, $6,000.

Phase II calls for the following:

Conference center (food service meetings and lodging); one new lodge, $35,000; furniture, equipment, parking and utilities, $75,000.

Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center is located on 157 acres of land in the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest, adjacent to Holiday Lake. The facilities are available for youth and adult groups (churches, organizations and businesses) for meetings, weekends, etc.

Interested parties are invited to call the Center Office at 248-5444 for available dates and rates.

Hunters, take note!

The Appomattox County Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for the purchase of hunting license.

BRUCE COWAN (left), plant manager at Armstrong Furniture's Appomattox plant, presents $10,000 check to Ken Powell, chairman of the Appomattox County Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center fundraising committee, as Susan Bailey, personnel manager at the Appomattox plant, looks on.

Education will be examined

Citizens and education leaders will be meeting to take a concentrated look at the county schools during American Education Week, Nov. 11-17.

Appomattox County schools join schools throughout the nation at this time of year when parents visit their child's school to participate in what has been an annual nationwide observance since 1921. The theme of this year's effort will be "Educational Excellence: Our Nation's Strongest Defense."

The highlights of this year's program in Appomattox are a series of events which include school visitation, bulletin board displays, newsletters, newspaper articles, demonstrations and distribution of pamphlets.

Monday - Nov. 12

Appomattox Middle School - Essay Contest Awards

Appomattox County High School - FBLA provides refreshments for all teachers.

Appomattox Primary School - Teachers and retired teachers will be honored.

Appomattox Elementary School - Parent coffee, newsletter sent home.

Tuesday - Nov. 13

Appomattox Middle School - Faculty Meeting with guest

Appomattox County High School - FHA provides refreshments for teachers

Appomattox Primary School - Kindergarten Open House; auxiliary personnel honored

Appomattox Elementary School - Faculty meeting with guest speaker; Teacher Appreciation Day

Wednesday - Nov. 14

Appomattox Middle School - School Board honored

Appomattox County High School - FFA provides refreshments for teachers

Appomattox Primary School - First Grade Open House; bus drivers honored

Appomattox Elementary School - Open House 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; parents and citizens luncheon; reception for teachers and School Board members

Thursday - Nov. 15

Appomattox Middle School - parent visitation and coffee hour, 10 a.m.

Appomattox County High School - Annual American Education Week luncheon for county officials and school personnel; Latin Club serves refreshments to teachers

Appomattox Primary School Second Grade Open House; School Board personnel honored

Friday - Nov. 16

Appomattox Middle School - School spirit day

Appomattox County High School - Parent luncheon with principals and visit to classrooms; DECA provides refreshments for teachers

Appomattox Primary School Grandparents honored; Menu prepared by students

Appomattox Elementary School Poetry Contest winners announced; guest speaker

American Education Week was begun in 1921 by the American Legion and the National Education Association, organizations which sought to encourage local support and active citizen participation in the improvement of education. The observance this year will seek increased awareness in our community of the need to work as partners in shaping our children's future through quality education.

AEW is sponsored nationally by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, National School Boards Association, The American Legion, and United States Department of Education.

Town hits new water well

A NEW WELL FOR THE TOWN OF APPOMATTOX, located at the end of Ethel Street and Countryside Drive, is producing 60 to 70 gallons of water per minute during a 24-hour test. "The well will be tested for 48 hours at a later date," said Harold Nash, director of public works for the Town of Appomattox. "We'll get the well in use as soon as possible," Nash commented. "The Health Department has tentatively approved the well and as soon as final approval is given, the well will be put on the line," said William R. Britton, Appomattox town manager. "After the expiration of four other wells in the past two years, we're really pleased to find this productive well at the end of the system because it will run fresh water through the system, more so than in the past," Britton concluded. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Park has new nature trail

Appomattox County's historical allure has been enhanced with the addition of a natural history trail in the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.

The nature trail is part of the Civil War history trail at the eastern end of the park. It begins near the parking area at Lee's headquarters.

Included along the trail are approximately 30 plates containing information identifying different types of trees, and information about various stands of forest in the area. The nature trail runs for approximately one-half mile, and takes about a half hour to walk.

"The trail came about as the result of a cooperative effort between the Society of American Foresters and the National Park Service," notes Jim Cook, Farmville district manager of the Virginia Division of Forestry. "The idea was to take the existing trail, which features the events which occured at the end of Civil War, and add to it information about the natural history of the area," he adds.

Jon Montgomery, superintendent of the national park, notes that addition of the natural history trail is in line with the mission of the park, which is to educate the public regarding the history of the area.

"The intent of the nature trail is to make available additional information about the natural history and ecology of the area to the people who would be on the trail anyway," Montgomery says.

Cook notes that the land through which the trail runs in typical of land in the southern piedmont region. "It has been farmed extensively for 200 years," he notes. The plates which are posted along the trail include information about the existing stands of trees and how they evolved over the years.

On some parts of the trail, it is possible to see evidence of the land's past uses, such as mounds left from row-crop plantings, or piles of rock which were collected when the land was cleared for farming 200 years ago.

The history of the forest is as important as the trees themselves, and giving the public some idea of the way in which a stand of timber develops is one of the primary purposes of the nature trail, according to Cook.

As Montgomery points out, the trail already existed as part of the national park. The Robert E. Lee chapter of the Society of American Foresters, as well as workers from the state Division of Forestry and

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Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Being written Monday morning, before the big election of Tuesday, Nov. 6, I beg to suggest that at the Court House Precinct, we need to get the voting down to ground level to avoid a lot of step climbing by the elderly and handicapped. Courteous election officials gladly bring ballots upon request from those seeking to avoid the steps, but many proud people do not relish having to be made a special case. I am a senior citizen and can still take the steps two at a time and slide down the railing, but everything should be done to make it easy to vote. And when the winners are announced, may be close ranks and go to work to make a stronger, better nation.

Armistice Day, Nov. 11, comes on Sunday this year and some will take a holiday Monday. How many remember the end of World War One? I was twelve years old. The ranks of WW I vets dwindle, but let us honor them, heroes all.

Just talked to a young lady who has reached her 18th birthday and planned to vote Tuesday. I cast my first Presidential vote in 1928 and have not missed voting since.

Saw one business place with Christmas decorations up. Busy days ahead. Growing Appomattox would like to be your shopping center. Try us first!

I kept score Hallowe'en evening and we had 29 trick or treaters. Fine costumes and well behaved. I'll recommend them to Santa.

Thanks to my friend, Paul Drinkard, for bringing me a copy of Vol. 1, No. 1, first issue of Life Magazine. Anyone know its value. Originally sold for ten cents! And thanks to my friend, Ed Hopkinson, for bringing me two British magazines, in Britain, filled with interesting copy about coming events. And to Prin. D. L. Armentrout for a copy of The Raider Review, the fine paper of the local high school.

Hurrah for Pamplin. May get a water and sewer system.

Football commands our attention. ACHS is having a good year. Univ. of Virginia has an exciting team and may be headed for a post season bowl game. In fact most state teams are having banner seasons. My alma mater, Univ. of Richmond, is a winner. VPI downed Tulane and William and Mary topped Lehigh. Up Pittsburg way, Slippery Rock is doing itself and its followers proud. Exciting game: Notre Dame over Navy by a field goal with 14 seconds on the clock.

Came across a book belonging to my late mother, 1911. "A Weaver of Dreams." Early in the book an elderly bachelor makes a list of "People Who Are Worse Off Than I Am." Amazed himself, how lucky he was. The list grew and grew, filling all his paper and notebooks, and changed his life.

Virginia traffic deaths stand at about 75 more than at same time last year. Shame. May we do better and live longer.

Thanks for reading and seeya around Growing Appomattox.

Page wins football contest

Richard Page of Appomattox is the first place winner in the Times-Virginian football contest for last week, accurately predicting the outcome of more games than any other contestant.

Jeff Conner of Appomattox was declared second place winner. Tying with Conner for second place was Ruby Bryant, Carolyn Thompson and Beverly Thomas, all of Appomattox, but in the tiebreaker for second place Page was winner.

Page will receive a check in the amount of $20 from the Times-Virginian and Conner will receive a check in the amount of $10 from the paper for their winning efforts.

The popular football contest will continue this week in the sports section of the Times-Virginian.

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DR. S.R. LAWSON, CHAIRMAN, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, signs a proclamation designating the week of Nov. 11 through Nov. 18 as Anti-Cold Homes Week in Appomattox. Looking on is Horace W. Coleman, chairman of the Appomattox County Anti-Cold Homes Program. This resolution is directed toward the combining of available resources and distributing them to families in need. Contribution checks should be made payable to Appomattox County Anti-Cold Homes Program and mailed to Mrs. Barbara Carr, Rt. 4, Box 167, Appomattox, Va. 24522.